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Chapter I

REVIEW OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD

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The representative of **Algeria** congratulated UNCTAD for its technical cooperation programme in the Arab countries. Her country had been a beneficiary of the programme and had learned much from it. It was obvious that the complexity of the issues dealt with by WTO, which had often placed the developing countries in a difficult position, would inevitably give rise to requests for technical assistance from developing countries wishing to gain a better understanding of the results of the Uruguay Round, their implementation and the resulting obligations. It was therefore essential to expand inter-organizational cooperation and increase the synergy between UNCTAD and WTO, since this would facilitate the integration of developing countries into the world trading system, which was not only one of the key objectives of UNCTAD IX but also an internationally agreed goal. Sufficient resources must therefore be made available, and UNCTAD and WTO must strengthen their mutual cooperation in this particular area.